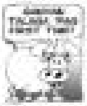
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By Christian V. Esguerra

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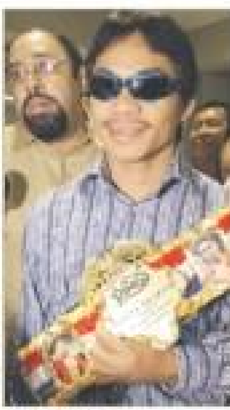
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By Antonio Dorotils

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Election death toll rises to 141

Time to concede, Drilon tells election tailenders

By Michael Lim Ubac

AT LEAST six people died yesterday in separate election-related incidents, including a running sea battle in Maguindanao, raising to 141 the number of people killed nationwide since the election period began on Dec. 15.

Accept verdict

Close range

Economists twit GMA 6-point plan

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Absentee vote count winding down; GMA with 'commanding lead'

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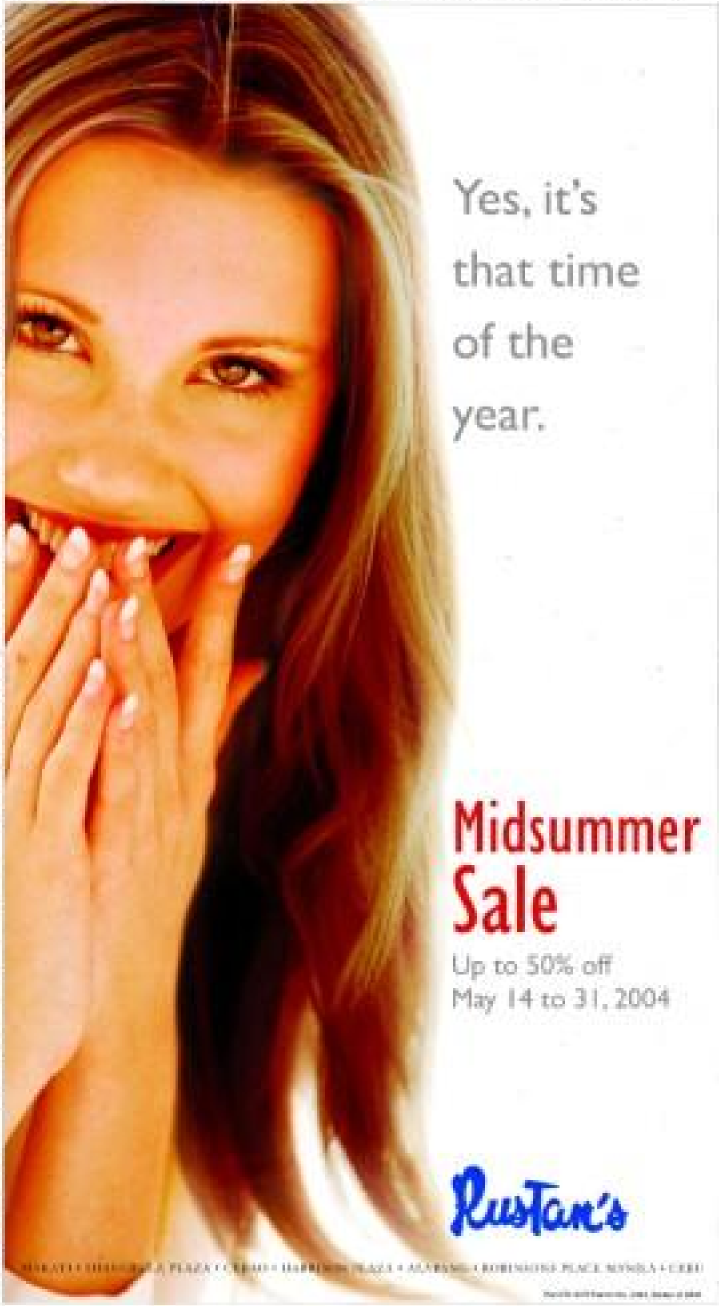
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ENTERTAINMENT

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Editor Lorie C. Camino



'MAGNIFICO' with Manio (left) and De Leon



'CRYING LADIES' Angel Aquino, Sharon Cuneta and Hilda Koronel

'Magnifico' tops Urian nominees



DE LOS REYES, 'Magnifico'



JETURIAN, 'Bridal Shower'



MEILY, 'Crying Ladies'



O'HARA, 'Babae sa Breakwater'



REYES, 'Malikmata'

"MAGNIFICO," the poignant movie about how a poor boy's essential goodness banishes the cruelty and hardship around him, is the most nominated movie in the 27th Gawad Urian by the Manunuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino, the society of the country's most respected film critics.

"Magnifico" got 14 nominations. Aside from best picture and best director (Maryo J. de los Reyes), the movie got the lion's share in the acting categories, with child actor Jiro Manio leading the nominees of the ensemble cast that includes Gloria Romero, Lorna Tolentino, Celia Rodriguez, Isabella de Leon, Girlie Sevilla, Albert Martinez and Mark Gil. The movie was also nominated for screenplay, cinematography, production design, editing and sound.

"Crying Ladies," the comedy about hard-up women doing a commission to cry on cue in a traditional Chinese funeral, has 12 nominations. Aside from best picture, it is nominated for direction, supporting actor (Eric Quizon and Julio Pacheco), supporting actress (Hilda Koronel and Sherry Lara), screenplay, cinematography, production design, editing, music and sound.

"Babae sa Breakwater," Mario O'Hara's striking urban tale about lower-depth characters around Manila Bay, has 11 nominations for best picture, director, actor (Kristoffer King), actress (Katherine Luna), supporting actor (Alexis Galura), screenplay, cinematography, production design, editing, music and sound.

Barometer of excellence

"Bridal Shower," the hit comedy about women and sexual mores and politics, also has 11 nominations for best picture, director (Jeffrey Jeturian), actress (Dina Bonnevie and Cherry Pie Picache), supporting actor (Alfred Vargas), screenplay, cinematography, production design, editing, music and sound.

The 2004 Gawad Urian, the most respected barometer of excellence in Philippine cinema, will be presented on June 19 at the AFP Theater.

The Manunuri is headed by Gigi Javier-Alfonso of the University of the Philippines Film Institute. Vice chair is Mario Hernando, editor of Sunday Malaya. Members are Dean Nicanor Tiongson of the UP College of Mass Communications, Ramon Magsaysay Award laureate Bienvenido Lumbera, Bro. Mike Rapatan of the De La Salle University Department of Communication, Rolando Tolentino of the UP-CMC, broadcast personality Butch Francisco and Lito Zulueta of the University of Santo Tomas Department of Journalism and Media Studies.

The complete list of nominees:

Best Film: "Babae sa Breakwater" (Entertainment Warehouse), "Bridal Shower" (Seiko Films), "Crying Ladies" (Unitel Pictures), and "Magnifico" (Violett Films)

Director: Jeffrey Jeturian ("Bridal"), Mark Meily ("Crying"), Mario O'Hara ("Breakwater"), Jose Javier Reyes ("Malikmata"), and Maryo de los Reyes ("Magnifico")

Screenplay: Chris Martinez ("Bridal"), Mark Meily ("Crying"), Mario O'Hara ("Breakwater") and Michiko Yamamoto ("Magnifico")

Actor: Cogie Domingo ("Angel sa Lupa"), Kristoffer King ("Breakwater"), Jiro Manio ("Magnifico") and Aga Muhlach ("Kung Ako na Lang Sana")

Actress: Dina Bonnevie ("Bridal"), Katherine Luna ("Breakwater"), Ara Mina ("Huling Birhen sa Lupa"), Elizabeth Oropesa ("Homecoming"), Cherry Pie Picache ("Bridal") and Maricel Soriano ("Filipinas")

Supporting Actor: Alexis Galura ("Breakwater"), Mark Gil and Albert Martinez ("Magnifico"), Victor Neri ("Filipinas"), Julio Pacheco ("Crying Ladies"), Eric Quizon ("Crying"), Jericho Rosales ("Noon at Ngayon") and Alfred Vargas ("Bridal")

Supporting Actress: Mickey Ferriols ("Kung Ako na Lang Sana"), Hilda Koronel and Sherry Lara ("Crying"), Isabella de Leon, Celia Rodriguez, Gloria Romero, Girlie Sevilla and Lorna Tolentino ("Magnifico")

Cinematography: Odyssey Flores ("Magnifico"), Katrina Holgores and Nap Jamir ("Bridal"), Rey de Leon ("Breakwater"), Lee Meily ("Crying") and Rayben Romana and Lito Mempin ("Malikmata")

Editing: Danny Anonuevo ("Crying"), Vito Cajili ("Malikmata"), Manet Dayrit ("Magnifico"), Tara Illenberger ("Bridal") and Bert Vasadre ("Breakwater")

Production design: Raymond Bajarias ("Bridal"), Reji Regalado ("Crying"), Gerry Santos ("Magnifico") and Melody Teodoro ("Breakwater")

Music: Francis Guevarra and Ferdie Marquez ("Malikmata"), Vincent de Jesus ("Crying"), and Jesse Lucas ("Breakwater," "Bridal" and "Filipinas")

Sound: Albert Michael Idioma ("Malikmata"), Raffy Magsaysay ("Crying"), Ledoy Marasik ("Breakwater") and Arnold Reodica ("Bridal" and "Magnifico")

Hanoi concert to honor peace artists

HANOI—Lionel Richie, Gloria Gaynor and Hootie and the Blowfish are among the stars set to perform in Vietnam next month at a United Nations-backed concert to honor artists who have contributed to world peace.

The careers of Bob Dylan, Joan Baez and Country Joe McDonald, who were all prominent anti-war campaigners during America's ill-fated involvement in Indochina, will be formally recognized at the June 22 World Peace Music Awards.

Organizers said Country Joe would receive his award in person but they were still waiting to confirm the attendance of Dylan and Baez at the five-hour show at Hanoi's National Stadium.

Baez is synonymous with the civil rights and anti-war movements of the 1960s with her anthem "We Shall Overcome."

The late Vietnamese composer Trinh Cong Son, whose peace song "Lullaby" was a hit in Asia in 1969, will also be honored. His sister Trinh Vinh will accept the award on his behalf.

American folk singers Peter, Paul and Mary and Harry Belafonte, the New York City-born actor, author and singer, are the other recipients. Only the trio's Peter Yarrow will collect his award in person, according to show producer Matt Taylor said.

Among the musicians from 25 countries set to perform at the free concert are former Police guitarist Andy Summers, British soprano Sarah Brightman, Thai pop queen Tata Young, Taiwanese diva Ah Mei and Indonesian rockers Slank.

Hollywood action-hero Steven Seagal is also due to attend.

The concert, which will be opened with a message from UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, will be televised live around the world.

Parts of the proceeds from merchandise sales will be used to help victims of Agent Orange, the defoliant used by US forces during the Vietnam War.

The first World Peace Music Awards was held last year on the Indonesian resort island of Bali. *AFP*

Cuneta show to raise funds for landslide victims



KING

A CONCERT featuring Nina, Jimmy Bondoc, Luke Mejares, King, Chris Martinez, Gino Padilla, Efren Mainit, The Manoeuvres and Jamie Rivera will raise funds for the benefit of the landslide victims of Panaon Island, Southern Leyte, on Saturday, May 29, 7 p.m., at the Cuneta Astrodome in Pasay City.

The show, "Para Nila," will also have the special participation of the UP-CRL Chanced Choir and Emmanuel Handmaine.

Produced by Viva Concerts, the show is presented by Gerry's Grill and Manila in cooperation with PLDT, City Grill, Mama Sita's, Goldcrest Phils., Unilever, Shakey's, The Manila Times, MSD, Strepsils, People's Tonight, Drysdale, La Pacita Biscuits, Winner Corned Beef, Zagu, MLM Foods, SM Supermarkets, Toners, Big Mom's, De Leon Printing Press, Wave 89.1, Magic 89.9, 98.7 DZFE, and 702 DZAS.

Tickets are available at all SM Ticketnet outlets.

For inquiries, contact Viva Concerts office at 927-7829 or 453-1173. Donations in any form are welcome.



RIVERA

US airs concern for safety of Americans in Malaysia

WASHINGTON—The United States on Wednesday renewed concerns over the safety of American citizens and interests in Malaysia, especially in Sabah state on Borneo island, amid a terrorism threat in Southeast Asia.

But Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was quick to dismiss the terrorism warning against travel to Malaysia, saying his country was on top of the security.

"We can manage it. We will be able to make sure that Malaysia will continue to be peaceful and politically stable," Abdullah told a news conference.

Abdullah said that while his country was concerned about any threats, the government was on guard and had taken steps to boost security.

Malaysia has not had terror attacks on its own soil, but has detained more than 60 alleged Islamic militants accused of planning the violent overthrow of the state or of belonging to organizations such as the al-Qaeda-linked Jemaah Islamiyah (JI).

US warnings against travel usually result in fierce condemnation by the targeted countries fearful of losing tourist dollars, but Abdullah appeared unconcerned.

"I do not anticipate any kind of further negative development as a result of that," he said.

The State Department's concern was incorporated in an advisory issued Wednesday following the kidnapping last month of two Malaysians and an Indonesian in southern Philippine waters off the coast of eastern Sabah.

They were believed to have been abducted from their vessel by the southern Philippines-based Muslim Abu Sayyaf group believed linked to JI, the al-Qaeda terror network's Southeast Asian wing responsible for deadly bombings particularly in Indonesia.

The WORLD

US solons shocked by new abuse photos



Thailand's infamous Bridge on the River Kwai sees tourist boost



US mistreatment of Afghan prisoners also 'systemic'—Human Rights Watch

Counting under way in huge India polls



Nigeria Muslims take revenge in bloody riots

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Results come in but protests go on

Political clans crumble, new ones emerge in Visayas



Church suspends winning priest

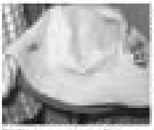
Victor cries fraud; 3 bets proclaimed

Continuous rains

Proclamation

Guilty

Poll returns stolen in Batangas



Loser

Dilatory tactics

Harassment



Political clans crumble, . . .

Mindanao, ARMM votes awaited



Fire hits Lanao village; 4 kids missing



ELEKSYON 2004

Twists, turns in local races

Church suspends winning priest



Lengthy process

First time

Inefficiency

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And they call the polls 'peaceful'?

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Pacquiao still bitter over draw decision



PACQUIAO shows a still swollen left fist upon his arrival at the NAIA with American promoter Murad.

By Tony Quinitualo

IT WAS a meeting of two men who had just come from a fight.

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Villanueva proves self



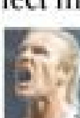
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Coria ups clay streak to 28

Red tops PDI caging

Wild gunfire marks Iraqi booters win

The perfect match goes wrong



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Moving forward

Weapon against cheaters

Gov't awaits ...

Decision soon



ELECTION 2004

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Quick Count (Partial, Unofficial)

Watchers foil 'dagdag-bawas'...



3 cops killed in 2 Manila ambushes

Sta. Cruz attack

Shootout

6 men carrying poll returns held

Party-list groups want votes in quick counts

She needs a bone marrow transplant

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Watchers foil ‘dagdag-bawas’ in Cainta

Tiangco wins second term

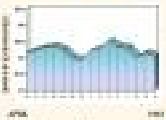
Protests make canvass crawl



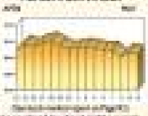
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Gas, diesel prices to rise this week

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Stocks end down as investors await poll results



Sy pays ₱2.55B for Yuchengco's Chinabank stake

CHANGING FORTUNE

Piltel posts net gains in Q1 income

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SM Prime's Q1 net rises 8 %

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ABS-CBN profits up 15% to ₱124M

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Taipannic dream

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Victor C. Agustin

By George

Liwag's impossibility

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK

NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Philippine National Bank will be held on May 25, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. at the Ballroom, Upper Lobby, Century Park Hotel, 599 Pablo Ocampo Sr. St., Malate, Manila.

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Secretary's Proof of Notice and Quorum
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2003 Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on May 27, 2003
4. Report of the President on the Results of Operations for the Year 2003
5. Approval of the 2003 Annual Report
6. Ratification of All Acts and Proceedings of the Board of Directors and Corporate Officers since the 2003 Annual Stockholders' Meeting
7. Election of Directors
8. Appointment of External Auditor
9. Other Matters
10. Adjournment

Minutes of the 2003 Annual Stockholders' Meeting as well as resolutions of the Board of Directors from May 27, 2003 will be available for examination during office hours at the Office of the Corporate Secretary.

Only stockholders of record as of April 26, 2004 will be entitled to notice of and vote at this meeting. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

If you cannot personally attend the meeting, you may designate your authorized representative by submitting a **PROXY** to the Office of the Corporate Secretary not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2004. Any proxies so received will be validated on May 20, 2004, 9:30 a.m., at the Office of the Stock Transfer Agent at Allied Bank Center, 6754 Ayala Avenue, Makati City.

Pasay City, March 8, 2004

RENATO J. FERNANDEZ
Corporate Secretary

HSBC estimates RP '04 growth at 4.4%



By Doris C. Dumlao

THE Philippine economy is expected to grow by 4.4 percent this year, sustaining its pace over the past three years, according to British financial giant HSBC.

HSBC's growth outlook for the Philippines was within the International Monetary Fund's forecast of 4.4 percent but lower than the government's target of 4.9-5.8 percent.

HSBC said in its May report that it was "mildly bullish" about the Philippines, but stressed that the country needs to reverse the deteriorating public sector deficit, which reached an "unsustainable" level.

HSBC [illegible] strong export activity, a good balance of [illegible] production, [illegible] on the fiscal front as well as credible [illegible] elections.

The bank said the government would likely keep its deficit this year [illegible] based on [illegible] of the year.

"Notwithstanding the favorable near-term fiscal situation, [illegible] fiscal consolidation plan has to be [illegible] public sector debt is already at an uncomfortable level," HSBC said.



Semiconductor exports seen up 10-15% in 2004

Equitable PCI opposes RCBC plea on Bankard

Cocktales



Summer pampering for moms

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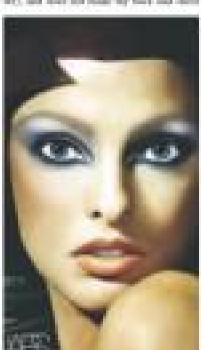
Kristy Sulit



Yes, there is an entire arsenal of skincare products out there for hurried mothers trying to keep up with their beach-loving brood



ORIGINS Paradise Found



Summer pampering . . .

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Leg comforts

Humidity in the city makes feet and legs swell, so it becomes very uncomfortable in high heels or closed shoes.

Soothe yourself with Phytomer's leg gel, which almost instantly takes the pain away and brings down swelling by revving up blood circulation. I use this during PMS season when my feet and legs are most puffy.



SHISEIDO Sun Protection Liquid Foundation

L'Occitane's verbena icy body gel has the same effect (though it's only three-fourths as effective in bringing down swelling), plus it has mosquito-repellant properties.

Then there's Origins Balinese Body Glow, which smells just like orange and pineapple. It is between a cream wash and a gentle scrub. Step into the shower, then scoop some with your hand and apply on dampened skin. The papaya enzymes exfoliate, while tiny coconut shells polish rough spots.

When you rinse off, the soy flour nourishes, softens and smoothens your skin, leaving you soft. Any mom will feel like she just came from an exotic resort spa.



PHYTOMER Soothing Leg Gel

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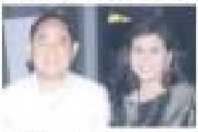


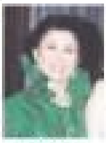


One moment of glorious, absolute harmony

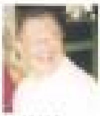


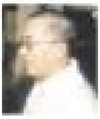
















WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



Maurice Arcache







Airlines' swanky new place

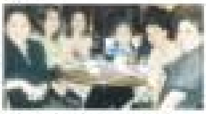


Fresh brew









Rose-colored future for eyewear line





Competition heats up

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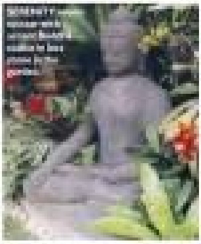




Stones add Balinese flair to home and garden







Bank harnesses youth's creativity in service of environment



SEEING GREEN

Annual compilation

Awards for program





Lawn and garden sale ongoing

